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**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/10/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,7,12-22,24,29,40,42,45 and 47-58.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **Examiner's Amendment for Supplemental Allowance**

1. This action is a supplemental allowance for Office Action dated November 10, 2008.

### **Examiner's Amendment**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Aaron J. Capron, Registration Number 56,170, on October 23, 2008 for obviating any potential 101 issues and put the claims in condition for allowance.

The application has been amended as follows:

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

24. (Currently Amended) A computer readable ~~memory~~ medium storing instructions that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method for associating one or more comments with source code, the method comprising:

storing the one or more comments separately from the source code, wherein the source code comprises one or more links including storage information for retrieving the one or more comments;

identifying where each of the one or more comments is associated with the source code;

receiving a request to access one or more links, wherein filter information is assigned to the one or more links,

accessing the one or more links based on the received request,

obtaining the one or more comments based on a comparison between access authorization information and filter information assigned to the one or more links; and

providing the one or more obtained comments, for displaying the one or more obtained comments and the source code, ~~only~~ if the filter information matches the access authorization information.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to obtain access authorization information prior to obtaining the one or more comments from the storage, the access authorization information determining which of the one or more comments may be obtained.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to activate the one or more links for use, compare access authorization information with the filter information associated with a link when the link is used, and execute the link to obtain the one

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or more comments if the filter information matches the access authorization information.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to obtain access authorization information prior to the one or more links being used to obtain the one or more comments from the storage, the access authorization information determining whether the one or more links may be executed when accessing the one or more comments.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to associate the one or more links with particular elements of the source code.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to present the one or more comments within the source code by replacing a link within the source code with the one or more comments when the link is executed.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to obtain access authorization information prior to revealing the one or more links, the access

authorization information determining whether the link is visible within the source code.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to associate at least one element of the source code with one or more comments stored within the storage.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to obtain all comments before presenting the received one or more comments within the source code, to analyze the filter information of the one or more comments to select the one or more comments to suppress, and to present within the source code the one or more obtained comments that were not suppressed.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to store the one or more comments within a database.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~memory~~ medium of claim 24, wherein the one or more comments include one or more language-dependent comments, further comprising instructions operable to cause the computer to store one or more language-dependent comments having language information, to obtain the language information with the one or more language-dependent comments, to

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analyze the language information, and to present the one or more language-dependent comments according to the analysis of the language information.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Ching Chow whose telephone number is 571-272-3693. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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